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7. The law clarifies membership eligibility for coaches and adult education employees.
8. The law clarifies procedural requirements before initiating court action to recover overpaid benefits.
9. The law corrects a cross-reference and adds a cross-reference that was omitted from a previously enacted law.
10. The law clarifies termination of employment requirements for retirees to be restored to service.
11. The law clarifies the payment of group life insurance benefits.
12. The law permits the chief administrative officer of a participating local district to clarify ambiguities in actions taken by the governing body regarding plan participation.
13. The law changes what constitutes a quorum for the Participating Local District Advisory Committee.
14. The law repeals the requirement for a minimum percentage of members of a local district in order to participate in the group life insurance program.
15. The law removes or updates obsolete, unclear or inconsistent language.

LD 1956 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program and Establish the Community Workforce Connections Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 396 eliminates the peer workforce navigator pilot program and establishes the Community Workforce Connections Program beginning January 1, 2026 to provide peer support and community-based workforce navigation services to unemployed and underemployed individuals facing barriers to employment to help them increase their economic security. This program is to be funded by the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund.

Public Law 2025, chapter 396 also amends the law governing the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program to authorize an added method of service delivery through an educational cohort model targeted to assist low-income individuals and individuals who may face barriers to education or successful workforce participation participating in a shared curriculum or program; increases the ways in which individuals can qualify for the program; and changes the application, decision and appeal process. The law also requires the Commissioner of Labor to submit a financial report on the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor by November 1, 2026.